Amendments to the Claims:

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A communications network planning system, comprising:

a graphical user interface having

an overview of subnetworks within a communications network, including:

a first selector for selecting a graphical representation of a subnetwork, which incorporates hierarchically structured details of node types present in the subnetwork, and details of links which exist between the node types;

a second selector for selecting a combined graphical representation of an extract of each subnetwork for interlinked subnetworks, in a region of a subnetwork interface, which includes hierarchically structured details of the node types present in the region of the subnetwork interface concerned, and details of the links which exist between the node types; and

a control unit for activating the graphical user interface in accordance with selection inputs received from an input unit.

2. (previously presented) The system according to Claim 1, wherein the details of node types, present in the subnetwork and/or the region of a subnetwork interface, are hierarchically structured according to the network hierarchy level to which the node concerned can be assigned, between the subscriber access network and the transport network.

3. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1,
wherein the graphical representation of a subnetwork incorporates details of the functionality of the node types concerned.

4. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein the graphical representation of a subnetwork incorporates details of the nodes for each node type and/or the numbers of locations for each node type.

5. (previously presented) The system according to claim 1,
wherein the graphical representation of a subnetwork incorporates details of the infrastructure installation products and/or their vendors, for the node types concerned.

6. (currently amended) A method for creating communications network diagrams, comprising:

providing, through a graphical user interface of a communications network planning system,

providing a first selector for printing out a graphical representation of a subnetwork, which incorporates hierarchically structured details of node types present in the subnetwork and details of links which exist between the node types, and

providing a second selector for printing out a combined graphical representation of an extract, for linked subnetworks, of each subnetwork in a region of a subnetwork interface, which incorporates hierarchically structured details of node types present in a region of the subnetwork interface concerned, and details of links which exist between the node types; and

activating a printer device assigned to the communications network planning system to print out communications network diagrams in accordance with selection inputs received from an input unit.

7. (previously presented) A control program for a communications network planning system, which can be loaded into a working memory of a control program device and which has at least one section of code such that, when executed, performs:

providing, through a graphical user interface of the communications network planning system, an overview of subnetworks within a communications network,

providing a first selector for selecting a graphical representation of a subnetwork, which incorporates hierarchically structured details of node types present in the subnetwork concerned and details of links which exist between the node types,

providing a second selector for selecting a combined graphical representation of an extract, for linked subnetworks, of each subnetwork in a region of a subnetwork interface, which incorporates hierarchically structured details of node types present in the region of the subnetwork interface, and details of links which exist between the node types; and

activating the graphical user interface to display a selected subnetwork and/or subnetwork interface, in accordance with selection inputs received from an input unit,

when the control program is executed in the control program device.